

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held December 4, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has proclaimed December 3 through 7, 2007 as National Project Homeless Connect Week. This week of national events will unite government, community volunteers, nonprofit agencies, businesses, and faith-based organizations to create points of engagement with comprehensive services and housing for homeless individuals and families. Project Homeless Connect is a unique opportunity for homeless individuals and families to access services in a supportive community setting.

"In recognition of this effort, the County, in collaboration with many of our community partners, is sponsoring Project Homeless Connect Day 2007 on December 6, 2007. Events are scheduled at the following four sites: Downtown Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and Pomona. County Departments, as well as local nonprofit agencies, the Cities of Los Angeles and Pomona, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Social Security Administration, and the Office of Veterans Affairs, are participating in this event.

"Project Homeless Connect Day is expecting to serve 3,000 homeless individuals. Each participant will receive a comprehensive needs assessment and then will be escorted by a volunteer to a variety of resource booths that can provide screening for benefit eligibility and connection with services. Homeless participants will also go through a discharge process prior to leaving the site to ensure that clients have a clear understanding of service opportunities and to confirm service eligibility, appointments, and referrals.

"Project Homeless Connect Day 2007 will rely heavily on volunteers to serve as intake workers, escorts, food servers, and, discharge workers."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Proclaimed December 6, 2007 as "Project Homeless Connect Day" throughout Los Angeles County;
- 2. Directed the Directors of Public Social Services, Mental Health, Public Health, including Alcohol and Drug Program Administration, Internal Services, along with the Public Defender, Chief Probation Officer, the Sheriff and the Chief of the Los Angeles County Police, to participate in the Project Homeless Connect Day 2007, and work with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure effective coordination for the event;
- Requested all County Department/District Heads to encourage their staff to volunteer on the day of the event and accommodate reasonable requests for personal leave by County staff that choose to volunteer; and
- 4. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate with County Departments regarding deployment of County staff who works in both an official and voluntary capacity at the event.

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All Department/District Heads